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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI#0429515508

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Martin's German Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

Martini Lutheran Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

837 Sharp Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

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CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This Church is built of brick in the Gothic Revival style. Symmetrical in plan, it is built in the manner of German parish churches, with a tower positioned at the center at the western front of the gabled nave. It occupies a corner site.

The nave is three bays wide and seven bays deep. The telescoping square tower, buttressed at the corners, holds the lancet arched entrance. A molded brick surround runs from spring point to spring point, set on stone brackets at either end. A stone keystone is carved as a fleur-de-lis. The entrance is filled with a pair of double wooden doors reached by a stone landing. Above is a lancet arched stained glass window.

The tower narrows above the entrance. Three small lancet-arched stained glass windows are set side by side in stone frames with a common stone sill. The tops of the windows are set in brick surrounds. A rectangular recession is laid in brick. Above this level the tower narrows again, where the front facade has a lancet arched opening, filled with louvers beneath the spring points of the arch. Above it is covered with aluminum siding. Molded brick surrounds the arch. The spire has been removed and the tower roof is flat.

Flanking bays of the nave are arranged symmetrically about the tower. Corner buttresses rise at the ends, capped with pyramidal stone pinnacles. A low projecting base is capped with a string of stone. Single, tall, lancet arched window openings rise on each side with stone sills set on the base. Stone tracery outlines a pair of slim lancet arched stained glass windows within each, with stained glass set in the spandrels. The surrounds of the window openings are finished like that of the entrance.

A brick corbel table runs at the end of the gabled roof. The southern side of the building fronts on Henrietta Street. The seven bays are defined by brick buttresses which rise from the base to the roofline, and by the pinnacles corner buttresses which rise from ground to a point above the roofline. Lancet arched stained glass windows, with lancet tracery fill the window openings. An entrance is set in the westernmost bay.

Additions to the rear of the church include a five bay deep, one story high segment with four lancet arched windows and lancet arched entrance at right. The double wooden doors are recessed into the facade above a flight of stone steps. A decorative wrought iron lamp hangs from the ceiling of this recessed entrance porch.

To the east of this a two story, two bay deep, four bay wide, Sunday School building is built of brick with a gabled roof with peak set perpendicular to the peak of the church nave. The Henrietta Street, gable end of the structure has two cast iron Hayward and Bartlett coal doors set in the base. Flat brick pilasters rise flush with the base and the pedimental gable end above. Rec-

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1867-1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Martini Lutheran Church is the oldest church structure remaining in Sharp-Leadenhall, and one of the oldest in all of South Baltimore. The Church building itself was begun in 1867 and dedicated in 1868. It originally had a 100-foot slated spire which came down some time after 1920.

The Sunday School building was built in 1870 and retains all original exterior features, including windows, shutters, and three Hayward and Bartlett cast iron coal doors. Treasured interior items of Church and Sunday School include stained glass windows, organ bells, paintings, chandelier, and other worship symbols.

For over a hundred years Martini has signalled the German presence in Sharp-Leadenhall. Because of condemnation plans for I-395, the City purchased the structures, and Martini has broken ground for a new complex of buildings just blocks away at Hanover and Henrietta Streets. Edward F. Ball Associates is the firm of architects for the new building. Many decorative and structured features of the old church will be incorporated into the new buildings. The future of the buildings at Sharp and Henrietta is unknown. (SEE

APPENDIX, ENTRY (7).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1976

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

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STATE

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tangular window bays are recessed, with two segmental arched window openings at each floor. Double hung windows with 6/6 lights fill each opening; the top sash of each is segmental arched. Sills are of stone. A round arched wooden louver is set in the center of the pediment, and brick mousetoothing runs at the line of the gable.

The rear of the Sunday School is regularly fenestrated with double hung windows with 12/12 lights. Each has flat splayed brick lintels and wooden sills. First floor windows are fitted with solid panelled wooden shutters.

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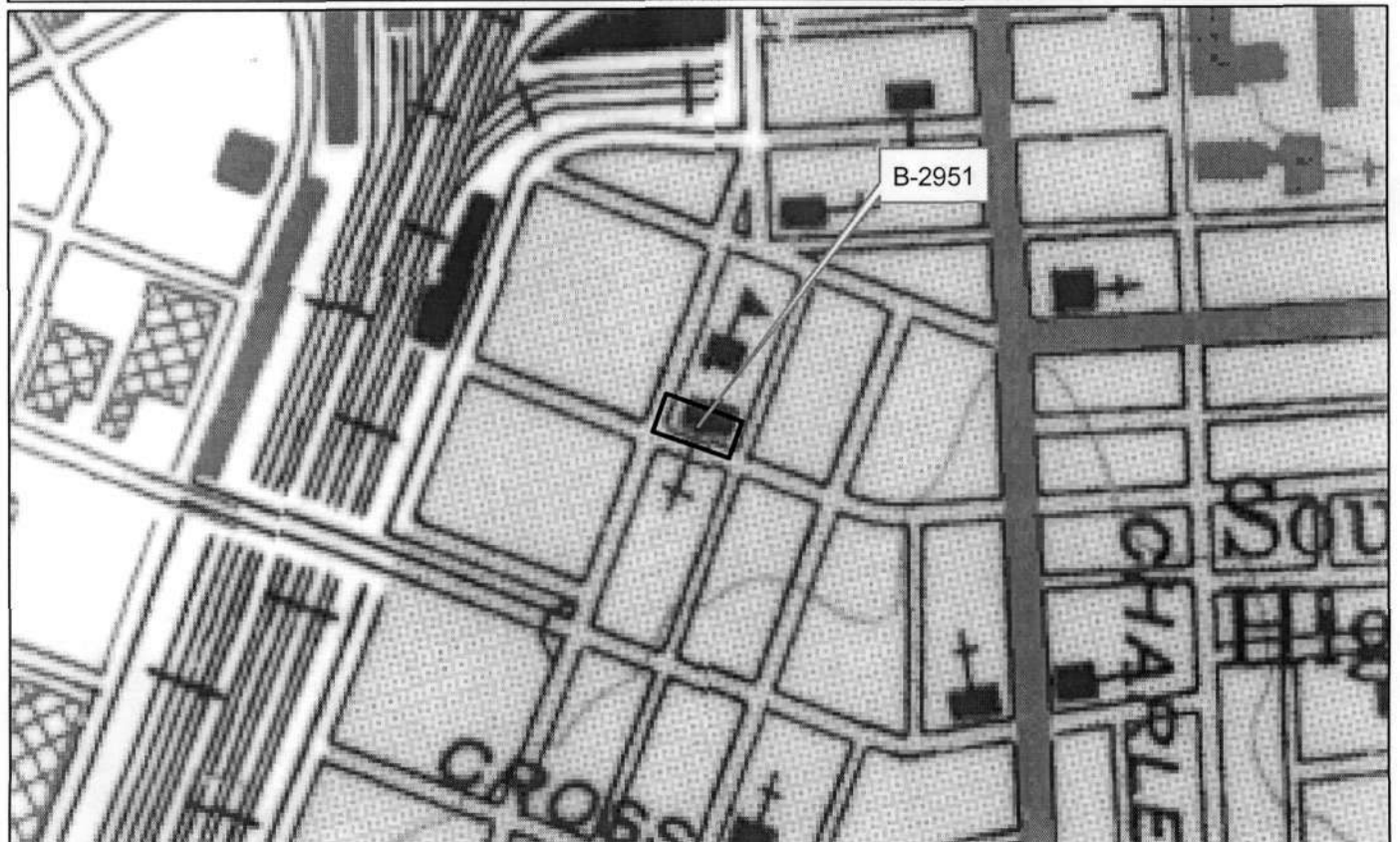
St. Martin's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (Martini Lutheran Church)

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